

# MAIN POINTS

YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR LEGACY. YOUR WAY.



Fall 2023

## Our Vision of Impact for the Community

Vibrant communities where people have equitable and inclusive opportunities to prosper, participate, and be inspired to give.

## Our Mission

Inspiring donors and community partners to foster a sustainable legacy of impactful giving by encouraging and promoting:

- Gift Planning
- Prudent Stewardship of Assets
- Effective Grantmaking
- Community Leadership

## Our Core Values

Excellence, Integrity, Inclusiveness and Transparency in all we do.



## Fighting Food Insecurity Among Adult Students

Food insecurity is one of the largest issues in our local communities, and it is especially an issue among students. That includes adult students who are enrolled in High School Completion and ESL programs and may be providing for other family members. **Bristol Adult Education Center (BAEC)**, which serves Bristol, Southington and surrounding towns, noticed that many of their students come to class without having eaten breakfast or dinner; the morning classes are from 9am-12pm and evening classes are 5pm-8pm. The students are often busy getting their family situated for the day, coming directly from work or are experiencing food insecurity. Marie Patrick, the School Counselor at BAEC, stated that the few instances when they do have food available to the students, the teachers and staff have commented that students were more engaged and focused.

This sentiment was echoed by several adult education organizations at an annual meeting at BAEC during the summer. MSCF decided to fund a snack pantry for students at BAEC. The food is ready-to-eat, healthy, high in fiber and can be easily eaten during class. This pilot program was funded with a Strategic Response grant from the **Money in Motion Fund**, an unrestricted fund that addresses a broad range of community goals and issues through proactive grantmaking. Since the snack pantry opened in June, not only have teachers at BAEC noticed increased attendance and attention, but there has been more socialization between the students resulting in the building of stronger relationships with one another.



Main Street Community Foundation, Inc. is a public charity committed to partnering with individuals, families and businesses who wish to build permanent charitable connections, now and for generations to come. We support and better the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott, Connecticut. Since 1995, the Foundation has provided opportunities to donors to support the causes they believe in and to help further their desire to give back and improve their community.

# Out in the Community

It has been a busy summer for MSCF – leading community conversations, convening organizations and awarding grants and scholarships, but the MSCF team also had the chance to get out in the community!



MSCF staff and Board members went out to the ballpark to support the **Bristol Blues**.



MSCF took the opportunity to present a grant to Southington's **Bread for Life** while serving dinner at the organization one night. Members of MSCF's Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust Advisory Committee and MSCF's staff regularly volunteer to help nonprofits in the community.



MSCF helped turn Bristol teal! In honor of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, a group of Bristol residents participate in Turn the Towns Teal every September to raise awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms. This campaign was created by Tony and Judie Lodovico, and is funded through the **Bristol Talks Teal Fund** that they established at MSCF in 2013.



## Community Focus Group Identifies:

- Services for Senior Women.
- Confidence Building and Leadership Particularly in Young Girls and Teens.
- Mental Health and Well-being.

When Main Street Community Foundation recently gathered over twenty grantee and community partners that specifically serve women and girls and asked them what they see as the most pressing needs, those three things rose to the top for nearly every organization. With that information, MSCF made those needs priority areas for the **Women & Girls Fund** fall grant cycle. Grant applications were submitted in September. Be on the lookout for the award announcement this winter!

## Preserving Bristol's History

The preservation of history is an important and often overlooked aspect of maintaining and improving our vibrant communities, which is why MSCF is proud to support a restoration project at the **Memorial Military Museum**. MSCF awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Memorial Military Museum with distributions from the **Bristol Brass General Grant Fund** and the **Karen and Kim Murphy Family Charitable Fund**.

The grant supports the restoration of two WWII leather flight jackets that belonged to Bristol residents Warren Beach and Raymond Rich, and the preservation of these jackets will help ensure their memory and honor their service for years to come. The Memorial Military Museum is a place for the community to learn about Bristol's military history and promotes historical knowledge through their collection of military memorabilia. You can visit the Memorial Military Museum, located inside the Bristol Historical Society, at 98 Summer Street, Bristol.



# New Funds Join MSCF Family



## Bristol Police Memorial Fund

The Bristol Police Memorial Fund was established by the Bristol Police Benevolent Association to collect donations for the creation of a new memorial monument that will be built adjacent to the Bristol Police Department. This memorial will serve to honor five Bristol police officers who have lost their lives, including Lieutenant Dustin DeMonte and Sergeant Alex Hamzy who were killed in the line of duty in 2022. The project is being planned, organized and executed by members of the Bristol Police Benevolent Association in coordination with the City of Bristol Mayor's Office and Police Department.

## Ann Gudegast Fund for the Bristol Boys & Girls Club

The Ann Gudegast Fund for the Bristol Boys & Girls Club will provide annual funding to the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol to support their programs and services that assist young women and girls develop healthy lifestyles, learn new skills, and build confidence. Ann Gudegast, a lifelong resident of Bristol, established this fund because of the time she spent after school at the Bristol Girls Club. Ann stated that "Of all the things I've been grateful for in my life, one of them would definitely be the Girls Club." Leaving a legacy was very important to Ann because she wanted to provide the same help and opportunities she was given when she was growing up.



To donate to these funds, or any of the 280+ funds, visit [www.mainstreetfoundation.org/funds](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org/funds)

Philanthropy is for everyone. Here's how you can help your community as you plan your year-end giving...

- **Match your favorite cause with action** – Give to an existing MSCF fund or find an organization on MSCF's Wish List to donate in-kind to
- **Direct your giving** – Start your own fund or build one into your estate plan
- **Strengthen the Foundation's role as a funder, leader, convener and advocate** – Give to the annual Friends Campaign
- **Help others in your community** – Give to the Money In Motion Fund

Donations can be sent by mail or made online today at [www.mainstreetfoundation.org](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org).

**REMEMBER** if you are aged 70 ½ or older you can donate up to \$100,000 from your IRA to a qualified public charity, such as MSCF. This can also help with age-specific required minimum distributions.

# Scholarships Awarded

In 2023, \$328,114 in scholarships were awarded to 143 local students pursuing educational opportunities in a variety of areas and at different stages of their academic careers. Here are just a few of this year's recipients.

At the **Stanley P. Bitel Memorial Golf Tournament**, Julianne Rasten was presented with a scholarship from the Stanley P. Bitel Memorial Fund at MSCF. Stan's daughters Camilla and Darlene were there to present it to her as well as John Dellalana, President of Rowley Spring and Stamping. Julianne is a Southington High School graduate who attends Olin College of Engineering.



Trent Dubois is one of the inaugural recipients of the **Lt. Dustin DeMonte and Sgt. Alex Hamzy Public Safety Scholarship Fund**.

Dr. Michael Dietter, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, and Principal Michael Higgins of Bristol Eastern High School presented the scholarship award to Trent, who recently graduated from Bristol Eastern High School and attends the University of New Haven.



Jeanne Radcliff and Charlie Radcliff, whose father Don established this fund, presented the **Radcliff Plainville High School Fund** renewable scholarships to three of this year's recipients: Kyle Badorek, Matthew Badorek and Patrick Kapusta, all of Plainville. Kyle attends Southern CT State University, Matthew attends UConn, and Patrick attends University of Saint Joseph.



Scan here to see the full list of Scholarship Recipients



# New Board Member Elected



Main Street Community Foundation is proud to announce the election of **Andrea Lanese** to its Board of Directors. Andrea is a Wolcott resident and is currently the Director of Global Talent Acquisition & Development for Barnes in Bristol, as well as an avid volunteer with several local organizations.

Andrea is looking forward to being part of the MSCF Board, saying that the Foundation's core values of Excellence, Integrity, Inclusiveness, and Transparency align with the leadership attributes she champions in her career as a human resources leader every day. She continued, saying, "Giving back is part of my DNA and volunteering is a central component of my life. Main Street Community Foundation is a perfect fit for me as it supports local communities that I am part of in both my work and home life in meaningful ways. Having grown up in this region and now working in the heart of Bristol, being a board member of the Foundation allows me to directly contribute to building the support systems that matter in my local communities."

**\$1.6 Million**

Distributed in grants and scholarships through September 30<sup>th</sup> and **\$27 million** in grants and scholarships distributed since 1995.



[View all 2023 grants and scholarships awarded](#)

# Challenge Accepted



Following an inspiring MVP Breakfast in June, Main Street Community Foundation received a fundraising challenge to further build the

**Men & Boys' Fund** endowment. Two anonymous donors have offered to match every dollar donated up to \$5,000 before December 31.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The \$47,000 in grants awarded over the last six years has helped to bring much needed resources to nonprofits in our region that are meeting the unique needs of men and boys. The impact has been great, but growing the endowment will ensure that support for these issues will not only continue but grow – forever.

**Donate today and double your impact:**  
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